



**SB 2017 - HB 2283**

March 9, 2020

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Adds dental hygiene diagnosis to the practice of dental hygiene. Requires a dentist to confirm any dental hygiene diagnosis that requires treatment that is outside the scope of dental hygiene practice.

Permits a dentist to supervise no more than 10 dental hygienists while the dentist and each hygienist is providing dental services on a volunteer basis through a nonprofit provider of free mobile clinics in this state.

Allows a dental hygienist to place sealants or apply fluoride to a patient even if the patient has not been the subject of a prior examination by a dentist.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016574):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Permits a dentist to supervise, under direct supervision, no more than 10 dental hygienists while the dentist and each hygienist is providing dental services on a volunteer basis through a nonprofit provider of free mobile clinics in this state.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Board of Dentistry can accommodate any rule making that is required within normal business hours; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Dentistry had an annual surplus of \$191,693 in FY17-18, an annual surplus of \$115,375 in FY18-19, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$4,451,703 on June 30, 2019.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Handwritten signature of Krista Lee Carsner in black ink.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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